IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)
WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR
PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY
WRIT PETITION NO : 9650 of 2004

Between:

1.Ankamatalli Video Games, D.No.24-12-B A Nalla Cheruvu,
Zero Lane, Near Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Main Road, Guntur rep., by its Prop. M.Narasimha Rao, s/o Venkateswarlu

2.Sai Durga Video Games, D.No.12-28-30, Near Mahalakshmamma Temple, Opp.Liberty theatre, Station Road, Guntur, rep., by its Prop., R.Kalyan, s/o Nageswara Rao,

..... PETITIONERS

AND

1 The Superintendent of Police, Guntur, Guntur District.
2 The Station House Officer, Lalapet P.S., Lalapet, Guntur, Guntur District.
3 The Station House Officer, Kothapet P.S., Kothapet, Guntur, Guntur District.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an appropriate order, writ or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in interfering with the petitioners video game shops and for prosecuting the petitioners for not possessing the licences to run the said video game shops under A.P. Games Act, as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and to grant such other relief or reliefs

For the Petitioners: MR.B.SOMASEKHAR

For the Respondents: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This Court disposed of Writ Petition No.16596 of 2003 and other similar cases, with certain observations and giving certain directions. Following the order in Writ Petition No.16596 of 2003, present writ petition is also disposed of with the following observations and directions:

1. The petitioners who are running the games center for playing video games are not required to take out any licence under the A.P. Gambling Act,
2. It is not suggested that the licence is required under the provisions of any other Act,
3. The respondent-Police Officers have no power to interfere with the running of centers for playing video games on the electronic equipment on the ground that the petitioners do not possess the licence and
4. If it is felt that the petitioners have contravened any of the provisions of the A.P. Gambling Act, it is open for the authorities to take action to prosecute the petitioners.

16th June, 2004

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To

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